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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MONDAY, JUNE 13

1. NYT, PAGE 10, FLORA LEWIS FROM BRUSSELS REPORTS WESTERN PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE HAVE REVEALED AN IRONIC SHIFT OF POSITIONS WITHIN WHAT OFFICIALS SAY IS STILL AN OVERALL CONSENSUS. THE MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENT IS THAT THE U.S. IS GETTING READY TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE, PARTICULARLY ON THE SENSITIVE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, WITH THE WEST EUROPEANS PROVIDING SUPPORT IN MORE MUTED TONES. THIS CONTRASTS WITH "LOW-PROFILE POSTURE" U.S. TOOK THROUGHOUT NEARLY THREE YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE SIGNATURE OF THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT WHEN IT LET WEST EUROPEANS PUSH HARDEST FOR CONCESSIONS FROM MOSCOW, PARTICULARLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

2. NYT, PAGE 10, BRIEFLY DESCRIBES THE FOUR SECTIONS OF THE HELSINKI ACT, NOTING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS ONLY ONE
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PART OF THE DOCUMENT.

3. NYT, PAGE 11, HEDRICK SMITH FROM WASHINGTON SAYS THE RECENT STEP-UP IN SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN UNDERSCORES THE FRAGILE AND UNEASY RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND

MOSCOW THESE DAYS. THE ATTACKS POST A DILEMMA FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AS IT PREPARES FOR THE OPENING THIS WEEK OF THE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE. SMITH SAYS IF THE ADMINISTRATION RESPONDS BY TAKING TOO AGGRESSIVE A STAND, IT RISKS PROVOKING A FURTHER DETERIORATION IN AN ALREADY PRICKLY RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW. IF IT RESTRICTS ITSELF TO BLAND STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE WHILE SOVIET AUTHORITIES PURSUE A CRACKDOWN AGAINST DISSIDENTS, IT RISKS LOSING CREDIBILITY FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. AT THE MOMENT, SMITH REPORTS, THE WHITE HOUSE - WHICH INTERPRETS THE LATEST SOVIET PROPAGANDA FUSILLADE AS AN ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION INTO COMPROMISING - IS TRYING TO STRADDLE THE ISSUE. IT WANTS TO AVOID EITHER A BACKDOWN OR A SHOWDOWN WITH MOSCOW ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. WASHINGTON STAR, PAGE 1, HENRY BRADSHER FROM BELGRADE HAS A CURTAIN RAISER PIECE WHICH SAYS HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH STARTED OUT AS JUST A LITTLE CLOUD ON THE HORIZON OF A LONG KREMLIN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A SECURITY AGREEMENT FOR EUROPE THAT WOULD RATIFY SOVIET GAINS FROM WORLD WAR II, HAS NOW BECOME A MAJOR ELEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WITH CONGRESS LOOKING OVER U.S. OFFICIALS' SHOULDERS AND THIS DEVELOPING CONTROVERSY HANGS OVER THE MEETING WHICH BEGINS WEDNESDAY. VANCE

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